

Capacity Building Programme Conducted for AML/CFT Regulatory/Supervisory Staff - From September 15 to 19, 2025 at Centre for Banking Studies, Rajagiriya

The Capacity Building Programme for Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Regulatory/Supervisory Staff was conducted from September 15 to 19, 2025, at the Centre for Banking Studies. The workshop was specifically designed for sector regulators and supervisors in relation to AML/CFT supervision. The programme brought together AML/CFT supervisors from the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), Bank Supervision Department (BSD), Department of Supervision of Non-Bank Financial Institutions (DSNBFI), Department of Foreign Exchange (DFE), and Payment and Settlement Department (PSD) of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL), as well as from the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (IRCSL) and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC).



The insightful sessions, enriched with international best practices, were facilitated by Ms. Amanda Wood, Managing Director and Head of AML Advisory for Kroll Australia and the South Pacific as the resource person. Mr. Rishi Doshi, Vice President at Kroll, assisted in the sessions.

Over the course of five intensive days, the programme comprehensively addressed many critical areas such as introduction to risk-based supervision, risks of supervised entities, AML/CFT supervision strategies, supervisory methods, preventive measures, onsite assessments, offsite supervision, education and enforcement etc. The workshop was further enhanced by the inclusion of practical case study discussions, breakout activities, highly interactive questions and answering sessions and group activity roadshows conducted at the end of the programme.

Altogether 42 officers representing financial sector regulators /supervisors including FIU participated in the workshop, demonstrating strong engagement and collaboration throughout, which fostered knowledge sharing, professional development, and a meaningful, impactful learning experience.

The knowledge and insights gained from the training programme will be effectively applied in developing the AML/CFT supervisory strategy for the upcoming year, strengthening both onsite and offsite supervision processes, and enhancing actions including the improvement of penalty guidelines and supervisory manuals.